

REMARKS

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

The undersigned gratefully acknowledges the courtesies extended by the Examiner during the telephone interview of September 17, 2009. The undersigned agrees with the Examiner's summary of that interview mailed on September 21, 2009.

The term "dyed" was not present in the originally filed translation because of a translational difference. In the original German description the terms "eingefärbt" and "durchgefärbt" were used (see page 3 and claim 6 of the PCT application) and were translated as "colored". More properly, this term should be translated as "dyed", so the changes have been made to the specification and the claims.

It is believed that the 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraph rejections have been rendered moot by the amendments to the claims and specification and to the cancellation of claim 29.

Claims 23-26 and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) or in the alternative under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Rohrbacher. Claim 27 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over the same reference. Claim 28 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Rohrbacher in view of Furuya. Applicants respectfully traverse each of these rejections.

Applicants reiterate that Rohrbacher does not disclose a dyed layer as claimed. Rather, Rohrbacher discloses that the finished composite structure comprises an outer layer of a glossy clear thermoplastic coating firmly bonded to a layer of a thermoplastic pigment, which contains a paint which, in turn, is adhered to a thin size layer of a thermoplastic pigment, which, in turn, is adhered to the flexible thermo-formable sheet of composite structure, column 2, lines 52 to 57. Figures 2 and 3 depict the layer sequences of the composite structures. Layer 4 is a paint coat or

a pigmented coat which, with an adhesion layer 3, the thin layer is bonded to mat 2 of the composite structure.

The newly presented claims require the presence of a dyed film which is not believed to be disclosed by Rohrbacher, so Rohrbacher does not teach or suggest the presently claimed invention. Withdrawal of this rejection is, therefore, respectfully requested.

The deficiencies of Rohrbacher are discussed above.

The Examiner alleges that Furuya would also be suitable for coextrusion, and, therefore, that the use of coextruded films in flow-pressing is obvious to a person of skill in the art. However, there is no evidence that the film disclosed in Furuya can be used with such a method.

Furuya discloses coating the outer surface of the mat with a hard coating layer, but the claimed method with a dyed film is not disclosed. Thus, this rejection must be withdrawn.

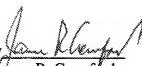
Withdrawal of this rejection is, therefore, respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, allowance is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 50-0624, under Order No. NY-DNAG-289-US. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted

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